



ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE FOR BILGE OIL

- Use drip pans with absorbent pads while draining oil from the bilges.
- Keep engines well tuned; regularly check seals, gaskets, hoses and connections for leaks and drips. Change oil filters often.
- Place an oil absorbent material or bioremediating bilge boom in the bilge. Recycle or properly dispose of used absorbents. Check with your marina manager for petroleum disposal regulations.
- Clean and maintain bilges. Do not use detergents while cleaning.
- Don't mix used oil with other substances.
- Before pumping the bilge, use water/oil separators or absorbents to soak up oil hydrocarbons.
- Remove oily bilge water at a bilge pumpout station.

Regulatory Requirements: Harbors and Navigation Code, §133: It is unlawful to discharge oil into or upon the navigable waters of the state.